# **Cybersecurity** introduction

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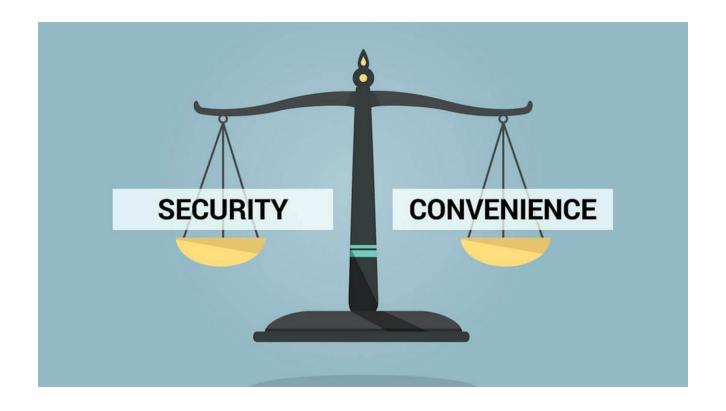


#### **Intro**

- "The best defense is a good offense"
- Learn to Think & Act like a hacker

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The security/ convenience dilemma



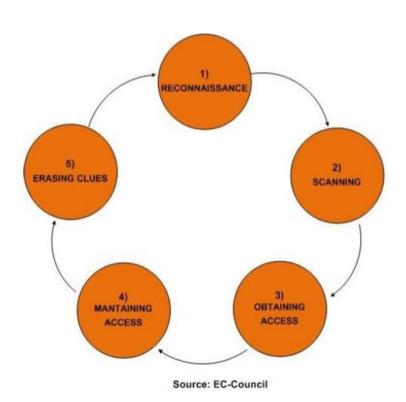
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System-goals:

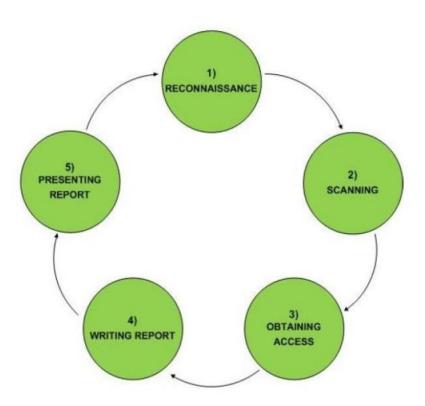


- Integrity: maintaining the accuracy, completeness, and trustworthiness of data and systems, ensuring they are free from accidental or unauthorized modification, corruption, or tampering throughout their lifecycle.
- Availability: ensures that systems, applications, and data are accessible and usable by authorized users whenever they need them, even during disruptions or attacks.
- **Confidentiality**: the principle of ensuring that data is kept secret and accessible only to authorized individuals or systems.

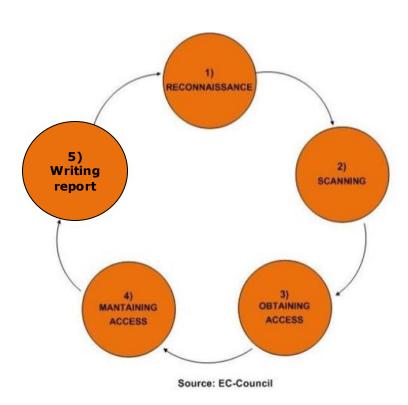
Malicious hacker



Penetration tester



Red teamer



# **Terminology**

# Ethical hacking exercises

- Red teaming
- Purple teaming
- Penetration testing
- Code review
- Config review
- Bug bounty

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# Types of pentesting

- External pentesting
- Internal pentesting
- Physical pentesting
- Perimeter pentesting
- Web application pentesting
- Mobile application pentesting
- Infrastructure pentesting
- Network pentesting

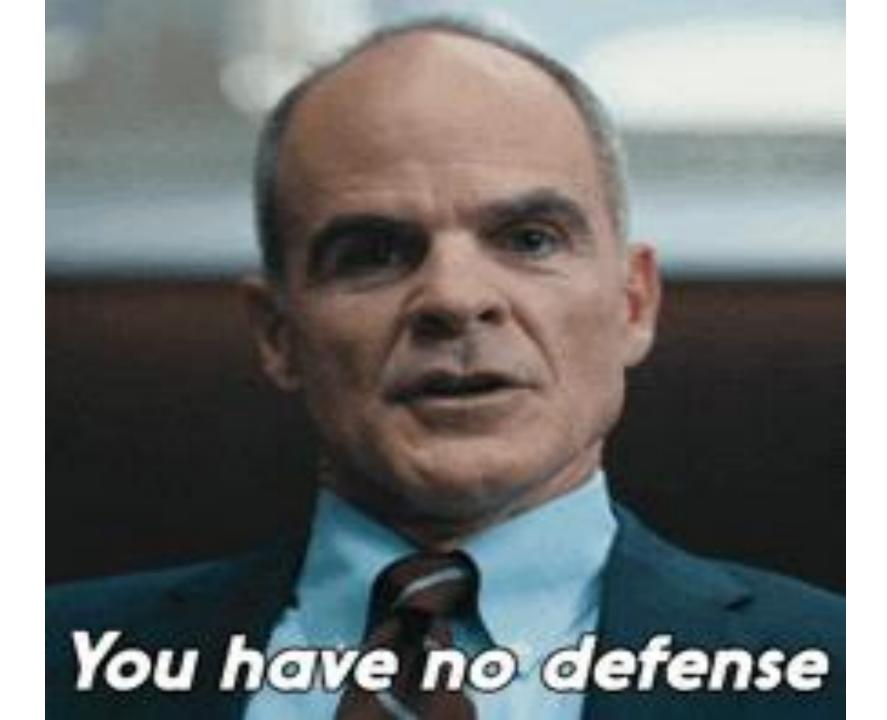
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# **Hacking Modes**

- Black box
  - o External: Organisation name & Let's go...
  - o Internal: URL to specific application
- White box
  - Connection and/or access
  - Lots of internal information: schematics, addresses,...
- Grey box
  - o In between

#### **Malicious hackers**

- Script kiddies
- Suicide Hackers
- Hacktivists
- Nation states
- ...



#### The blue team

- CSIRT
- SOC
- Threat Intelligence
- Developers
- Network defenders
- Digital forensic analysts
- Vulnerability management

# Social engineering

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Six key principles of human influence:

- 1. Reciprocity
- 2. Commitment and consistency
- 3. Social proof
- 4. Authority
- 5. Liking
- 6. Scarcity

#### **Methods**

- Phishing
- Spear phishing
- Vishing
- Smishing
- Impersonation (eg. Bank at home)

#### **Penetration testing**

# Why?

- Vulnerability identification
- Compliance with internal policies
- Compliance with external regulation
- Reputation
- Risk management

# **Key concepts**

- **Assets:** What are we protecting? This includes data, intellectual property, hardware, and reputation.
- **Threats:** Who or what is a potential danger? This can be external attackers, insider threats, or even natural disasters.
- **Vulnerabilities:** What are the weaknesses in the system that a threat could exploit? Examples include unpatched software, weak passwords, and misconfigured firewalls.
- **Risks:** The potential for a threat to exploit a vulnerability, resulting in a negative impact. Risk = Threat x Vulnerability.

# Pentest methodology

- 1. Planning: defining the scope
- 2. Footprinting & Scanning: gather information about the target
- Enumeration: find running services, users, and potential vulnerabilities
- 4. Exploitation: exploit vulnerabilities to gain initial access
- Post-exploitation: privilege escalation, local enumeration, persistence,...
- 6. Reporting: feedback on the results

# **Planning**

- 1. Intake meeting
- 2. Statement of work

# What would you ask during the intake meeting?

# Intake meeting

- Check for type of test
- Check for test mode
- Verify planned execution
- What is in scope (AND what is out of scope)?
- Which methods are allowed?
- What are the most valuable assets?
- ...